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To Connecticut General Assembly:

I am currently writing in support of passing the proposed Bill H.B.No. 5174 which has been proposed by Rep. Al Adinolfi, 103 district.

Title: An Act Establishing A Children's State Flower

With this proposed bill young children can learn about ways that gardens and agriculture is such an important part of life and society. These seeds and flowers were a simple lesson of a flowers life cycle and the continuation of the support of that life cycle. From a small seed, the lesson, plant, nurture, enjoy, reap your harvest and propagate for replantation in the new spring with new growth. However, one of the most important parts of these flowers is the life lessons of nurturing and regrowth – children will learn the simple but life lesson. I believe this impact of this simple flower if created as a representative of "A Children's State Flower" allows children to represent a wonderful reminder of Michaela Petit, who I know personally, enjoyed every simple yet, extremely important aspect of working with gardens. But most importantly being with her family. After the tragic loss within the Petit Family amongst the ruins of their home I know the seeds of her Four-O'Clock flowers were blooming, saved and continued to be propagated for the life cycle to be continued. Let us continue to remember Michaela Petit is accepting this proposed bill, what an Honor it would be to have a CT Children's State Flower! Working with gardens allows children to have many life lessons, responsibility, horticulture, responsibility, resiliency, success, and love. A wonderful representation of Michaela Petit.

Respectfully submitted,

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